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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Iraqi Situation Report

(As of 1600 EDT, 30 June 1966)

1. The coup attempt apparently has failed. Baghdad radio carried a statement by President Arif at 1402 EDT indicating that "security prevails in all parts of the homeland." A second broadcast announced the arrest of Razzaq, leader of the coup attempt, and several of his followers.

2. The key Republican Guard apparently remained loyal to the President, and moved immediately to defend the palace and help control the army camps and civilian airport. President Arif has instructed border posts to arrest all those suspected of having a part in the movement, and a curfew has been imposed on Baghdad to "prevent the escape of certain plotters."

3. Shortly after the start of the coup movement, two of the Baghdad radio transmitters located within the city began to broadcast the proclamations of the "Revolutionary Command Council" under Razzaq's signature. Other Baghdad radio transmitters located 15 to 20 miles outside the city apparently remained in government hands. At 0958 EDT, the rebel-controlled radio abruptly went off the air, half an hour later government transmitters went silent. One of the government transmitters subsequently was used to broadcast Arif's statement; the transmitters previously in rebel hands have not been heard from again.

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